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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2006. Claims 11, 12 and 14-41 have been made subject to an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

Species I: Fig. 8

Fig. 9 Species II:

Species III: Fig. 10

Applicant hereby elects Species III (FIG. 10) without traverse. Applicant submits that all of pending claims 11, 12 and 14-41 are readable on Species III.

Applicant also respectfully disagrees with the assertion in the Office Action that no claims are generic to the three species. As examples, independent claims 11, 19, 25, 33 and 35 are generic to the three species.

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